

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 97-9-15**

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For Work Week Commencing: September 15, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: September 15, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the PSC's world wide web site at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. SB 396 Section 8 on USBC - Discuss SB396 Section 8 on USBC, particularly in regard to when natural gas utilities "shall implement" USBC program (9/15/97)
2. PP&L Docket D97.7.91 - Discuss PSC's preliminary determination (9/15/97)
3. PSC vs USWC Docket D97.7.116 - Discuss and act on all matters necessary, information to PSC on settlement and procedure (9/15/97)
4. MPC Docket D96.2.22 - Discuss and act on prehearing matters, as necessary, if necessary (9/15/97)
5. PSC and MCC Tax Orders Dockets D97.9.164 and D97.9.165 - To approve orders (9/15/97)
6. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket D97.6.104 (Karen)

On June 16, 1997, U S WEST Communications filed its paging interconnection agreement with Beaverhead Electronics for Commission approval pursuant to § 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. A Notice of the Application and Notice of Opportunity to Intervene and Comment was issued on July 14, 1997, with July 21st as the deadline for intervention, and August 6th as the deadline for comments. No comments or requests for intervention were received. Staff's conclusion is that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, it is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and it should be approved. A draft order has been prepared.

2. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket D97.6.105 (Karen)

On June 16, 1997, U S WEST Communications filed its paging interconnection agreement with Havre Answering Service for Commission approval pursuant to § 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. A Notice of the Application and Notice of Opportunity to Intervene and Comment was issued on July 14, 1997, with July 21st as the deadline for intervention, and August 6th as the deadline for comments. No comments or requests for intervention were received. Staff's conclusion is that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, it is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and it should be approved. A draft order has been prepared.

3. PTI COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.4.58 (Karen)

On September 2, 1997, the Commission approved, subject to one additional condition, PTI Communications' filing to add Digitrex Plus as a new service replacing the grandfathered Digitrex II service. The draft order has been changed to include the requirement that PTI submit its estimated annual revenues within 20 days and documentation of actual revenues for the 12 months following implementation.

4. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket D97.3.48 (Karen)

Citizens filed a motion on July 14, 1997, asking that the Commission reconsider its decision requiring it to provide its customer service scripts to interexchange carriers upon request. In a work session held on August 5, 1997, the Commission granted the motion will require they be filed with the Commission for review only upon request. Citizens will be required to make a proprietary showing at that time. A draft Order on Reconsideration has been prepared.

5. PTI COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.8.156 (Kate)

On August 19, 1997, PTI filed revisions to its ISDN tariff. PTI proposes to rename its two types of ISDN service and to eliminate the excess usage charge of 15 cents per minute after 150,000 minutes for Primary Rate Interface ISDN.

6. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. - Docket N97.8.159 (Nina)

On August 25, 1997, MCI filed Tariff Transmittal Letter No. 97-17, proposing the following: (1) to make changes to the usage threshold and introduce intralata rates for Option Y (Home MCI One); and (2) to extend the Intralata Calling Promotion 2, until December 31, 1997. This was a notice item at the agenda of 9/2/97. Staff recommends approval.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. AT&T COMMUNICATIONS - Docket D96.11.200 (Karen)

On September 9, 1997, the Commission directed telecommunications staff members to meet with the parties to discuss resolution of the remaining contract issues and to make recommendations to the Commission the first week in October. The meeting is scheduled for September 25, 1997, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

2. PACIFICORP - Docket D97.9.162 (Eric)

On September 4, 1997, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell, from time to time, not more than 14,500,000 shares of its Common Stock pursuant to options granted under its Stock Incentive Plan. The Company estimates that such shares will be adequate for eight years of awards under the Incentive Plan.

3. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS, INC - Docket N97.9.163(Nina)

On September 8, 1997, Central Montana Communications, Inc., submitted a tariff filing reflecting the following changes: (1) to add a new condition to clarify the Internet Plan Change Charge; (2) to remove the additional non-recurring charge to add an Internet Commercial Account; and (3) to add a vacation allowance to abate the non-recurring plan change charge for schools, libraries, and medical centers when changing plans for periods of low usage.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

Great Falls Gas Docket D97.7.119 - A Notice of Staff Action granting intervention was served on September 10, 1997

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-9-22**

Docket D97.9.162 PACIFICORP (Eric)

Docket N97.9.163 CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (Nina)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D97.9.162 PP&L Security Issue

N97.9.163 Central Montana Comm - Revise InterNet Service

D97.9.164 PSC - Funding Fees for PSC

D97.9.165 PSC - Funding Fees for MCC

N97.9.166 MPC - Conoco Pipeline Real Time Pricing Service Filing

D97.9.167 PSC - Universal Service Cost Model